

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1        1.        A method comprising:
  - 2                receiving entertainment programming input;
  - 3                identifying multiple versions of an available entertainment program;
  - 4                identifying, for each of the multiple versions, a set of descriptive information
  - 5        regarding the respective version, the descriptive information comprising a plurality of
  - 6        characteristics of the respective version;
  - 7                identifying the differences in characteristics between the multiple versions; and
  - 8                displaying the differences in characteristics between the multiple versions to a
  - 9        user.
- 1        2.        The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the differences comprises
- 2        displaying only the identified differences in characteristics.
- 1        3.        The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the differences comprises
- 2        highlighting the identified differences in characteristics.
- 1        4.        The method of claim 1, wherein the characteristics comprise at least one of
- 2        a source identifier, a channel transport medium, channel audio support, program duration,
- 3        viewing format, pricing, enhanced programming availability, closed captioning
- 4        availability, color availability, language of subtitles in the version and language spoken in
- 5        the version.
- 1        5.        The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 receiving a selection from the user identifying one of the plurality of the  
3 multiple versions; and

4 displaying the multiple version corresponding to the user selection.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the multiple versions are available using  
2 different channel transport media the method further comprising displaying an  
3 identification of the channel transport medium for each respective version.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the channel transport media include one  
2 or more of cable broadcast, satellite broadcast, radio frequency broadcast, telephone  
3 interface, computer network interface, CD-ROM, video disk, and video cassette.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying multiple versions comprises  
2 searching through data of an electronic programming guide.

1 9. A storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that,  
2 when executed by a processor, result in:  
3 receiving entertainment programming input;  
4 identifying multiple versions of an available entertainment program;  
5 identifying, for each of the multiple versions, a set of descriptive information  
6 regarding the respective version, the descriptive information comprising a plurality of  
7 characteristics of the respective version;  
8 identifying the differences in characteristics between the multiple versions; and  
9 displaying the differences in characteristics between the multiple versions to a  
10 user.

1           10.     The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions which  
2     when executed by the processor, result in displaying the differences, further result in  
3     displaying only the identified differences in characteristics.

1           11.     The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions which  
2     when executed by the processor, result in displaying the differences, further result in  
3     highlighting the identified differences in characteristics.

1           12.     The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the characteristics comprise at  
2     least one of a source identifier, a channel transport medium, channel audio support,  
3     program duration, viewing format, pricing, enhanced programming availability, closed  
4     captioning availability, color availability, language of subtitles in the version and  
5     language spoken in the version.

1           13.     The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when  
2     executed by the processor, further result in receiving a selection from the user identifying  
3     one of the multiple versions, and displaying the multiple version corresponding to the  
4     user selection.

1           14.     The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the multiple versions are  
2     available using different channel transport media and wherein the plurality of  
3     instructions, when executed by the processor, further result in displaying an identification  
4     of the channel transport medium for each respective version.

1           15.     The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the channel transport media  
2     include one or more of cable broadcast, satellite broadcast, radio frequency broadcast,  
3     telephone interface, computer network interface, CD-ROM, video disk, and video  
4     cassette.

1           16. The storage medium of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions,  
2 which when executed by the processor, result in identifying multiple versions comprise  
3 searching through data of an electronic programming guide.

1           17. An apparatus comprising:  
2                         a program guide controller to receive entertainment programming input;  
3                         a selection controller coupled to the program guide controller to identify multiple  
4 available versions of an entertainment program. to identify, for each of the multiple  
5 versions, a set of descriptive information regarding the respective version, the descriptive  
6 information comprising a plurality of characteristics of the respective version and to  
7 identify the differences in characteristics between the multiple versions; and  
8                         a device controller, coupled to the selection controller, to display the  
9 differences in characteristics between the multiple versions to a user.

1           18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the device controller in displaying the  
2 differences is to display only the identified differences in characteristics.

1           19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the device controller in displaying the  
2 differences is to highlight the identified differences in characteristics.

1           20. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the characteristics comprise at least  
2 one of a source identifier, a channel transport medium, channel audio support, program  
3 duration, viewing format, pricing, enhanced programming availability, closed captioning  
4 availability, color availability, language of subtitles in the version and language spoken in  
5 the version.

1           21. The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a user interface controller to  
2 receive a selection from the user identifying one of the plurality of the multiple versions;

3 and wherein the device controller is further to display the multiple version corresponding  
4 to the user selection.

1           22. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the multiple versions are available  
2 using different channel transport media and wherein the device controller is further to  
3 display an identification of the channel transport medium for each respective version.

1           23. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the channel transport media include  
2 one or more of cable broadcast, satellite broadcast, radio frequency broadcast, telephone  
3 interface, computer network interface, CD-ROM, video disk, and video cassette.